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### NORTHERN ROCKIES WILDERNESS IS CLASSROOM FOR UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA COURSE

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Using as a classroom five million acres of wilderness in the Northern Rockies surrounding the campus, the University of Montana will offer the Wilderness and Civilization Program for the 11th time fall quarter.

The interdisciplinary program is sponsored by the Wilderness Institute in the School of Forestry. The 17-credit course focuses on the relationship of modern society to wilderness and integrates the sciences and the humanities.

This year's program will start Sept. 22 with a two-day orientation on campus followed by an 11-day wilderness trek. Participants will return to the University for nine weeks of intensive reading, writing and discussion. Each student will also undertake a practical project of benefit to the community or region and related to the central theme of the program.

The 1985 class will have a special opportunity to take part in a regional conference on the wilderness, scheduled at UM in December. The conference will feature poets Gary Snyder and Wendell Berry.

Participants in the Wilderness and Civilization Program must be enrolled at UM fall quarter. Application for the program must be received by Sept. 1. Further information is available from the Wilderness Institute, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; telephone (406) 243-5361.